

## **FirstNet Releases First Set of Answers to RFP Questions; Extends Deadlines for Capability Statements, Final Proposals**

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**February 19, 2016 (RESTON, VA)** - The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) today released the first set of answers to the more than 400 questions it received on its

[Request for Proposal \(RFP\)](#)

for the deployment of the nationwide public safety broadband network.

Additionally, in response to questions received, FirstNet is extending the deadline for submitting capability statements, which are optional, by two weeks, to March 31. As a result, FirstNet is also extending the deadline for final RFP proposals by two weeks, from April 29 to May 13.

“We are pleased with the interest and questions we received from industry, states, and public safety regarding the FirstNet RFP,” **said FirstNet Chief Executive Officer Mike Poth**. “This is a vital next step in the iterative process as potential offerors work to craft their proposed solutions to deploy the first-of-its-kind wireless network dedicated to first responders, and FirstNet staff are diligently working to answer each question.”

The answers to questions related to the RFP will be provided on a rolling basis as expeditiously as possible, similar to how FirstNet responded to questions to its Special Notice released last year, with the first set of RFP answers available today on the [Federal Business Opportunities \(FBO\) website](#). If FirstNet determines it is necessary to amend the RFP after reviewing the questions and requests for clarifications, it will work to post such amendments as quickly as possible and may do so in increments.

FirstNet will hold a Pre-Proposal Conference regarding the RFP on March 10 at 1:00 ET at its headquarters in Reston, VA. The conference will also be webcast. For more information and to

register, click [HERE](#) .

“The FirstNet RFP was informed by more than a year of open dialogue with public safety, states and territories, tribes, industry, and others,” **said FirstNet President TJ Kennedy**. “This is another opportunity for stakeholders to participate in the process.”

The build-up to the RFP release included 13 Requests for Information, a set of draft RFP documents, two Industry Day public events, answers to more than 650 questions related to a draft RFP, and meetings with interested vendors.

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